

**WHEREAS**, Missouri seniors who exemplify service and citizenship by giving back to their communities through volunteerism are worthy of special recognition; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ben Poteet** of Joplin regularly volunteers for the VantAge Point Area Agency on Aging, assisting at all of the senior centers in Barton, Jasper, McDonald, and Newton counties; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ben Poteet** fills in as needed for homebound meal routes, taking the hot noon meals from the Joplin Community Center to the other centers; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ben Poteet** also helps deliver the monthly AAA supplement to the *Joplin Globe* as well as to the area senior centers; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ben Poteet** represents the VantAge Point Area Agency on Aging at local and statewide meetings if a member of the Board of Directors or staff is unable to attend; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ben Poteet**, at the age of 68, also serves as a member of the Four County Elder Advocates, a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for seniors through advocacy and financial support; and

**WHEREAS**, **Ben Poteet** was nominated for Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder's Senior Service Award by Beverly Scroggins, Director of the VantAge Point Area Agency on Aging;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETER KINDER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND OFFICIAL SENIOR ADVOCATE OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**, do hereby congratulate **Ben Poteet** for winning the Lieutenant Governor's Senior Service Award. Furthermore, I wish him the best as he continues to admirably serve the Jasper County community.